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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2871

Serial No.: 10/070,554

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For: ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT BOARD AND TFT ARRAY SUBSTRATE AND LIQUID
CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE UTILIZING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-3, 8-14, and 19-23) in this application.

Applicants also hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Species IA for initial examination in this application. Claims 1-3 read on the elected species. No present claim is generic to both species identified in the Office Action.

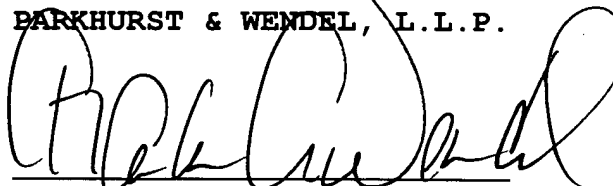
However, applicants respectfully traverse both the restriction requirement and election of species requirement since the subject

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matter of all of claims 1-23 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims should encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which it is stated that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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